

Natural Resources Conservation & Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Teleconference

Board members in attendance:

George Woodbury, Chair
Suzanne Fisler
Cheryl Thompson
Kristie Renfrew
Bernie Karl

Others in attendance:

Shana Joy, DNR
Robert MacFarlane, Dept of Law
Ken Marsh, US SWCD
Gary Morrison, Alaska SWCD
Betty Vehrs, AACD
Steve Hicks, AACD
Ryan Stencel, Anchorage SWCD
Herman Morgan, MYK SWCD
Bryce Wrigley, Salcha-Delta SWCD
Franci Havemeister, DNR Div of Ag
Jerry Norum, Fairbanks SWCD

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

☐ **Agenda**

Agenda approved as is.

☐ **August 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Bernie moved to approve the minutes. Kristie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

☐ **Executive Director Update**

Shana Joy reported that there are no new developments concerning the Executive Director position and that DNR is still working with the Division of Personnel on possible ways to fill the position. Shana will continue to act as Executive Director for the time being. No other items of news to report.

Shana reported that the National Association of State Conservation Agency's annual conference in Montana was very informative and she brought back several new ideas to try in Alaska and will be distributing materials and information for feedback as soon as she has made modifications to the material to suit Alaska's soil and water conservation districts.

☐ **SWCD FY 09 Plans of Work**

In a response to Cynthia Olson's concerns which was distributed this past Friday, DNR Deputy Commissioner stated that the department is inclined to approve all work plans received to date within reason. He also announced that a unified, standard annual work plan template will be developed soon to satisfy all agencies and standardize the reporting requirement for the districts.

Steve Hicks brought up a point of order and asked why the work plans are being voted on when DNR has already decided to approve all work plans that have been received within reason. A discussion followed in which the board understood that DNR wished to approve any remaining work plans not already approved and the board decided to individually approve the work plans remaining in support of that decision.

- **Homer SWCD.** Kristie moved to approve the revised plan. Bernie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Kenai SWCD.** Kristie moved to approve the work plan with the addition of a summary budget sheet. Bernie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Kodiak SWCD.** Kristie moved to approve the work plan with the assumption that page 8 of the plan is their summary sheet. Bernie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Wasilla SWCD.** Suzanne moved to approve the amended work plan. Bernie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

☐ **AACD Fall Conference**

Attendance at the fall conference and board member availability was discussed. Individual board members will let Shana Joy know if they will be attending and what flight reservations they would prefer. An Alaska SWCD may be scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 16th.

☐ **Public Comments**

Betty Vehrs has invited Bob Jones, NRCS State Conservationist and Dick LeFebvre, DNR Deputy Commissioner to speak at the AACD Board meeting on Saturday, October 18th. She also asked the board to allow/fund Shana Joy to attend the AACD Fall Conference. Shana Joy does plan to attend as much of the conference as her schedule allows.

☐ **Board Comments**

None were offered.


☐ **Next Meeting Date and Location**

Shana Joy recommends that a date in January be determined for the board to hold a meeting in person in Juneau at the start of the legislative session. She will learn the date the session is set to begin and work with the board by email to determine a date/time that will work for everyone.

☐ **Meeting Adjourned**

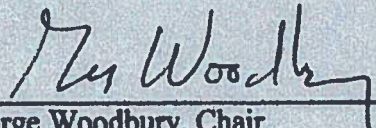
Bernie moved to adjourn at 10:52 a.m.

Minutes taken by:



Shana Joy, Executive Secretary
Department of Natural Resources

Minutes approved by:



George Woodbury, Chair
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